

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities Recreation Assessment

The questions included in this assessment are designed to help you look more closely at issues regarding recreation in your community as you enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We encourage you to visit Project Rosie where you can access additional information regarding recreation.

If you have questions about recreation which are not answered here or recommendations for this assessment, feel free to contact Ken Silverberg from the University of Utah's \_\_\_\_\_ by email [ken.silverberg@health.utah.edu](mailto:ken.silverberg@health.utah.edu)

<u>Name of Community</u>  <u>Located In</u>  _____ Association of Governments	<u>Local Contact Person</u>  <u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>FAX Number</u>  <u>E-mail Address</u>
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**Part 1: A 21st Century Community is served by an effective recreation advisory board.**

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Is there a recreation advisory board in the community which plays an active role in promoting and implementing recreation programs and services?			
Does your recreation advisory board/committee include representation that reflects the diversity of the community as a whole? Consider representation from education, business, agriculture, senior citizens, youth, minorities, special interest groups and any others deemed appropriate.			

Do members of the recreation advisory board have knowledge and training in the area of recreation delivery services, facility development, and the benefits of parks and recreation services?			
Does your recreation advisory board have a liaison representative to the city council?			

**Part 2: A 21st Century Community has a short and long-term plan for recreation development, that is reviewed on a yearly basis.**

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Does your community have short-term and long term plans, which incorporate a trend analysis that includes recreation as an integral component of the development process?			
Does your recreation development plan consider anticipated community growth, current population demographics, pertinent community needs, and optimizing recreational use of existing facilities?			
Does your recreation development plan address issues related to media relations and governmental advocacy?			
Does your recreation development plan address the most relevant community needs with regard to facilities, programs and services?			
Does your recreation development plan consider the potentiality of employing a part- time, summer or full-time recreation director?			
Does your recreation development plan incorporate a comprehensive recreation policy statement?			

**Part 3: A 21st Century Community provides comprehensive recreation programs, services, facilities and resources which allow for unobtrusive participation for all members of the population.**

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Does your community provide a wide range of recreation experiences to all members of the population, including seniors and special populations?			
Does your community employ a part-time or full-time recreation director or leader?			
Are there recreation programs and services offered during the non-school hours for children both after-school and during the summer months the meet the needs of at-risk youth?			
Is there a need for recreational services that can be addressed through consultation or assistance provided through partnerships with local Universities?			
Would it be possible to provide community recreation activities in the schools?			
Does your community have open recreation facilities such as baseball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, youth centers, basketball courts, or other readily accessible facilities?			
Are current recreation and park facilities adequately maintained and are safety standards being met?			
Does your community use existing recreation facilities to their most optimal potential?			

**Part 4: A 21st Century Community actively pursues recreation funding in order to support community recreation programs and services.**

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Does your recreation development committee or city council actively pursue potential capital or program funding sources such as grants, contracts, sponsorships or philanthropy?			
Does your community enter into business partnerships with local businesses in order to provide recreation programs?			
Does your community have a liaison between the school district and the city in order to gain knowledge of any potential funding sources to aid in the provision of summer recreation programs?			
Does your community have information concerning resources for federal domestic assistance and new opportunities for public parks and recreation funding?			

**Part 5: A 21st Century Community maintains contact and networks with recreation agencies on the local, regional and national level.**

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Does your community maintain a relationship with local and state universities that have a parks and recreation program? Do these include the University of Utah, Brigham Young University or Utah State University?			
Does your community pursue an active relationship with the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA)?			

Does your community have access to the Internet and the community resources provided by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)?			
Would your community be interested in pursuing a summer recreation development program with the Western Laboratory for Leisure Research administered through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism at the University of Utah?			
Does your community have the technical expertise and know-how to successfully access networks related to parks and recreation development?			
Is your community interested in becoming involved in an upstart project which will be designed to help provide recreation services to rural communities?			
Does your community have an active relationship with state -wide and national parks and recreation agencies such as the United States Forest Service, National Parks Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs,, Division of Natural Resources, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation?			
Is your community aware of other available State recreation related resources such as: Utah Travel Council, Central Utah Recreation and Parks Association, Utah Summer Games, Utah Winter Games?			
Is your community aware of other available national parks and recreation resources such as: American Recreation Coalition, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Leisure Information Network, American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration, and other recreation and leisure resources?			